

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON POSTSECONDARY STUDENT SUCCESS

November 1–3, 2006

Preliminary Agenda

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

11:30 a.m. Opening Luncheon and Keynote: *Why College Students Should Be Learning More*

- Welcome from the National Postsecondary Education Cooperative (NPEC): Ed Blews, Chair, NPEC Executive Committee
- Welcome from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES): Mark Schneider, Commissioner, introduced by Dennis Carroll, Associate Commissioner
- Featured Speaker: Derek Bok, President, Harvard University

President Bok's keynote address, which draws from his latest research, will provide a context for the rest of the Symposium.

1:15 p.m. PLENARY SESSION I

What Is Student Success and How Do We Know it?

- Moderator: James Hearn, Vanderbilt University, introduced by Thomas Wickenden, NPEC Executive Director
- Panel: John Braxton, Vanderbilt University; George Kuh, Indiana University; John Smart, University of Memphis; Scott Thomas, University of Georgia; and Vincent Tinto, Syracuse University

Authors of NPEC commissioned papers, charged with answering the question "what is student success?" will describe their unique perspectives on the topic.

3:00 p.m. PLENARY SESSION II

Policymakers: Going Beyond Graduation Rates to Describe Student Success

- Moderator: Patricia McGuire, Trinity University (Washington, DC)
- Panel: Donna M. Alvarado, Ohio Board of Regents; Piedad F. Robertson, Education Commission of the States; Earl Richardson, Morgan State University; and Joe Schwarz, U.S. Congressman (invited)

A panel representing institutional, state and federal policy makers will respond to the student success perspectives presented by the authors of the NPEC commissioned papers.

4:15 p.m. Coffee Break

4:30 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSION A

Let's Talk About Student Success

Conversations among the authors of NPEC commissioned papers, policymakers, and symposium participants regarding the impact of their student success papers and perspectives.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2006

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. PLENARY SESSION III

Getting the Whole Story on Student Success

- Moderator: Michael Nettles, Educational Testing Service
- Panel: Thomas Bailey, Columbia University; William Demmert, Western Washington University; Bridget Terry Long, Harvard University; and Laura Rendon, Iowa State University

Panelists will discuss how well the student success perspectives presented by the authors of the NPEC commissioned papers address the success of underrepresented students.

10:45 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSION B

Let's Talk More About Student Success

More conversations among researchers, policymakers, and symposium participants regarding the impact of the student success papers and alternative perspectives.

12:00 noon Luncheon

1:30 p.m. PLENARY SESSION IV

What Are We Doing to Foster Student Success?

- Moderator: Cecilia Lopez, Harold Washington College
- Panel: Charles Blaich, Center for Inquiry in the Liberal Arts; Thomas Brock, Opening Doors; Ann Coles, Pathways to College Network; and Arnold Kee, Model Institutions for Excellence

Leaders of national student success initiatives will describe the work that their organizations are doing and the results of these efforts.

2:30 p.m. Coffee Break

3:00 p.m. BREAK-OUT SESSION C

Expanding Our Knowledge of Student Success (Part 1)

Recipients of the Association of Institutional Research and NPEC (AIR/NPEC) grants and other researchers will present findings from their research. Symposium participants will discuss the results of their efforts.

4:00 p.m. Coffee Break

4:15 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSION D

Expanding Our Knowledge of Student Success (Part 2)

AIR and NPEC focused grant recipients, other researchers, and leaders of state and national initiatives will present the findings of their studies, and Symposium participants will discuss the results of their efforts.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2006

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSION E

We Can't Just Leave it Here!

Presenter/facilitators will lead discussions with Symposium participants on how to move forward various research and policy initiatives that have been discussed throughout the Symposium.

10:00 a.m. Coffee Break

10:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker: What Does it All Mean?

- Moderators: Trudy Bers and Mary Sapp, Co-chairs, NPEC Student Success Working Group
- Speaker: TBD

11:30 a.m. Acknowledgments and Adjournment:

- Ed Blews, Chair, NPEC Executive Committee